

NOAA FISHERIES 2003 CONSTITUENT SESSIONS

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Commercial Fisheries

- 9.5 billion lbs. (2001) Dockside value \$3.2 billion- value to consumers \$27 billion
- 9.1 billion lbs. (2000) Dockside value \$3.7 billion
 - ✓ World's 4th largest fishing nation
- Imports valued at \$18.5 billion
- Exports valued at \$11.8 billion
- Fish consumption 14.8 lb per person (2001)

2001 Commercial Landings by Region

<u>Region</u>	<u>Pounds</u>	<u>Dollars</u>
Pacific Coast (AK-CA)	6,197,657,193	\$ 1,200,020,855
Gulf of Mexico (FWC-TX)	1,611,003,461	\$ 800,963,052
New England (CN-ME)	630,627,158	\$ 639,438,668
Mid-Atlantic (VA-NY)	835,312,105	\$ 347,940,327
South-Atlantic (FEC-NC)	199,801,074	\$ 174,352,460
Western Pacific (HI)	23,870,471	\$ 54,561,446



2001 Commercial Landings

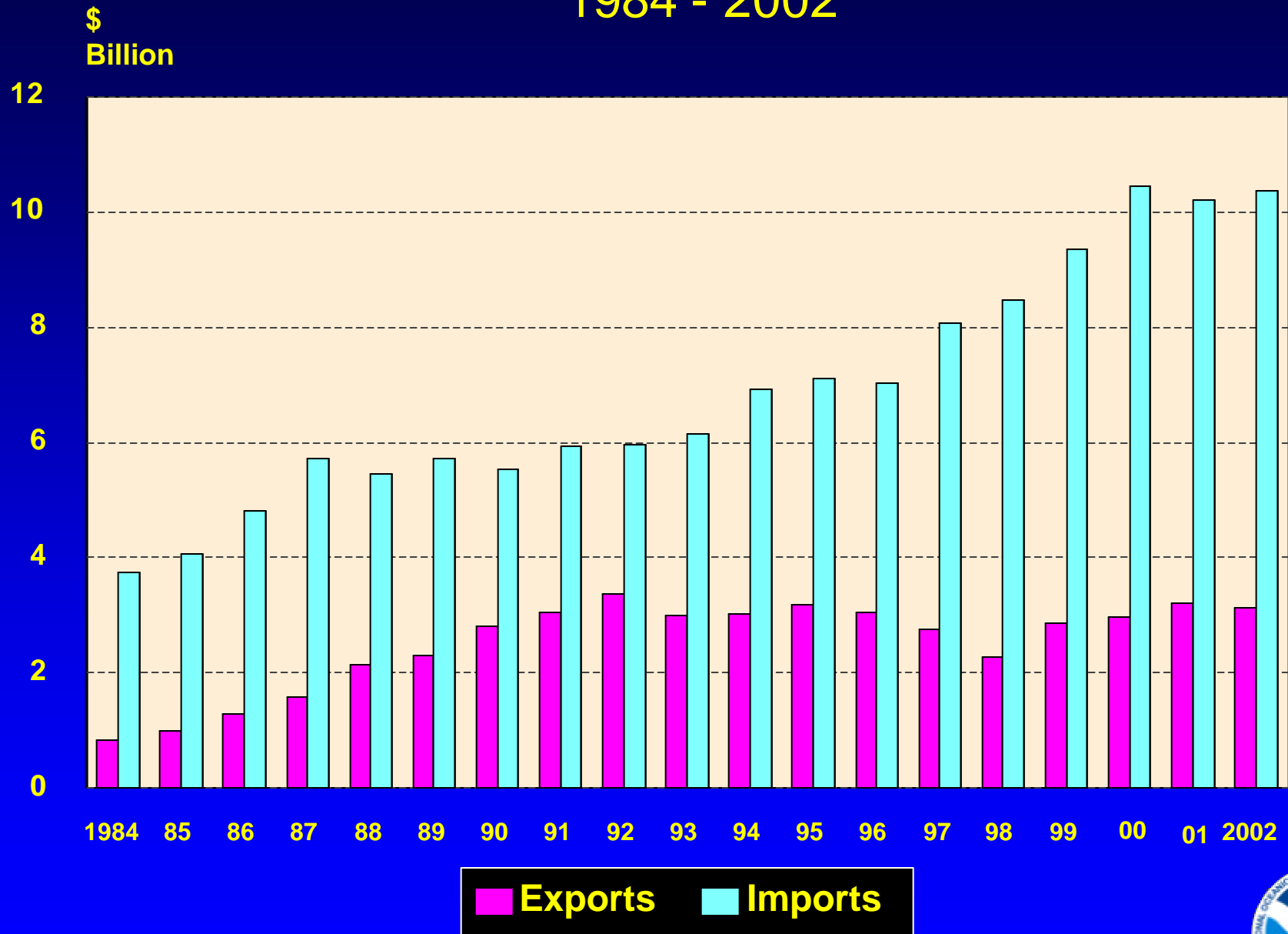
Top Five Species for the Gulf States

<u>Species</u>	<u>Volume</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u>Value</u>
Menhaden	1,165,244,072	Shrimp	496,319,593
Shrimp	256,679,523	Menhaden	72,366,421
Crabs	61,353,252	Crabs	63,289,502
Oysters	23,608,064	Oysters	47,733,145
Mullet	15,981,248	Groupers	17,594,358

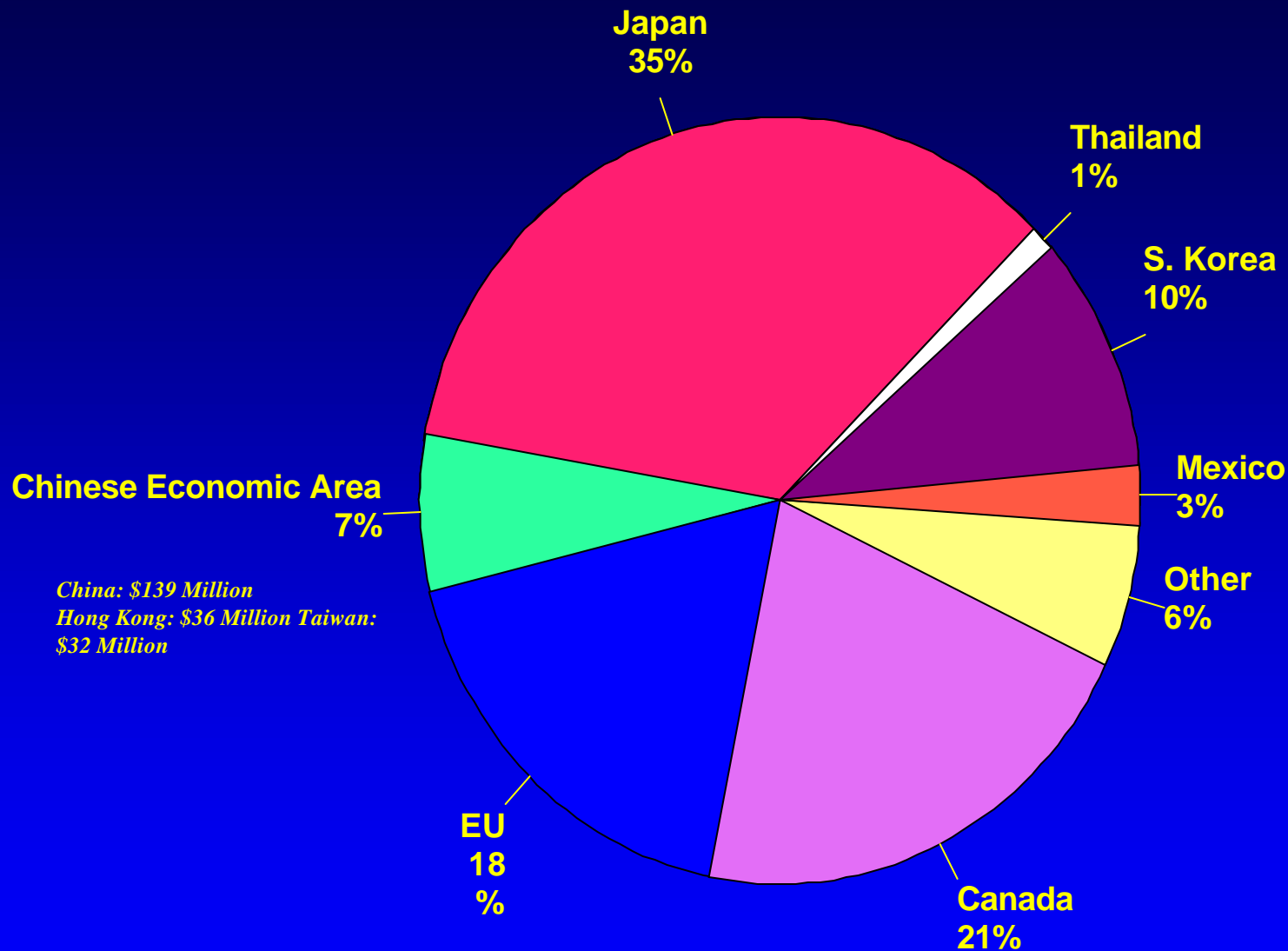


U.S. SEAFOOD EXPORTS AND IMPORTS

1984 - 2002



TOP U.S. EXPORT MARKETS, 2002



Total Exports: \$3.1 Billion



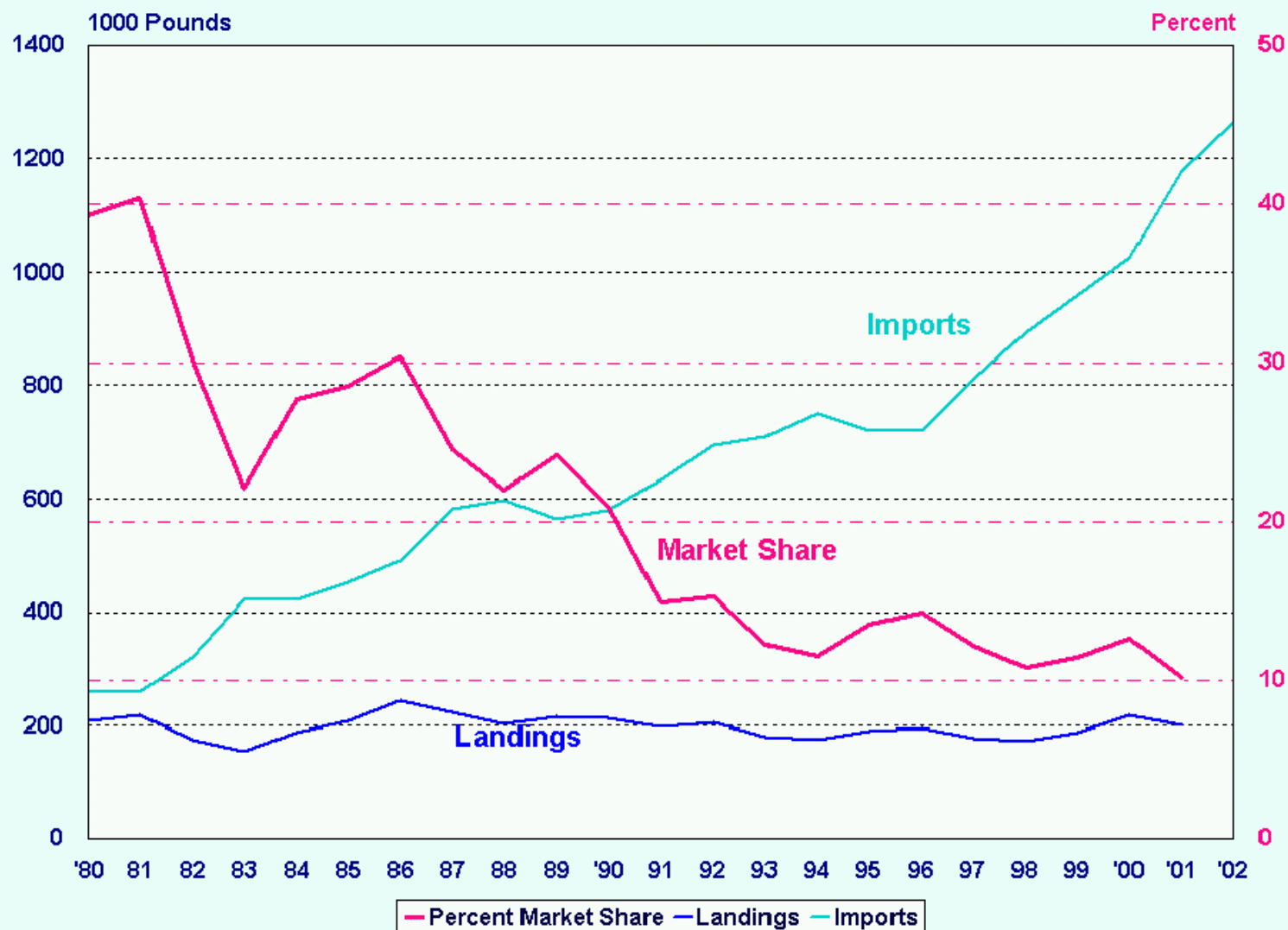
U.S. Imports of Shrimp by Country of Origin

<u>Country</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>
Thailand	252,435	278,77
Mexico	77,263	64,098
India	48,109	62,556
Ecuador	111,142	42,104
China	19,502	40,130
Indonesia	35,336	36,943



Thousands of pounds, product weight

US SHRIMP LANDINGS, IMPORTS, & MARKET SHARE

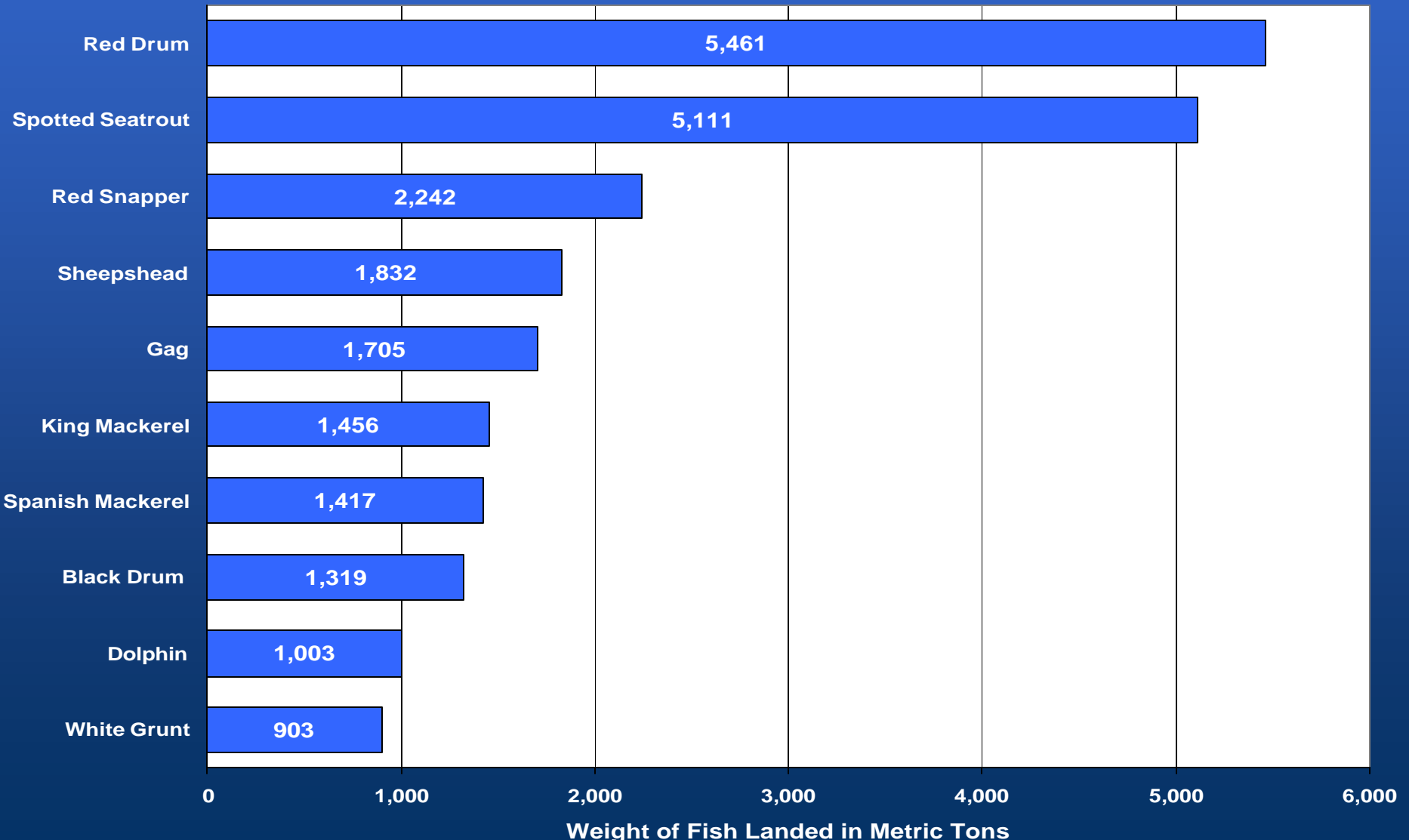


U. S. Recreational Fishery Statistics

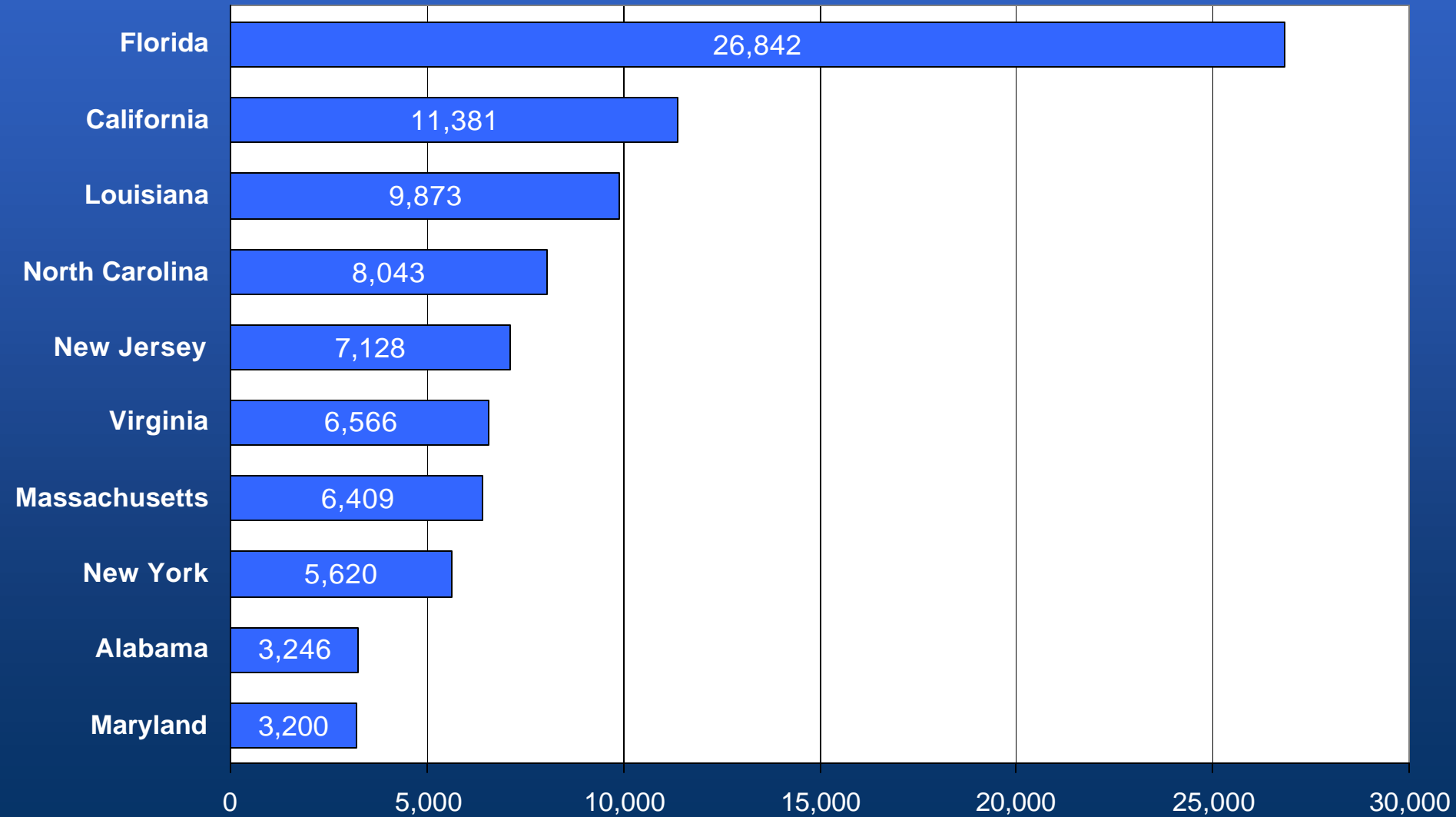
- Over 17 million participants
- Over 65 million fishing trips per year
- Over 135 thousand metric tons landed per year
- Economic impact of more than \$30 billion
- Over \$22 billion in related expenditures
- More than 349,000 jobs supported
- Over \$12 billion in related personal incomes



U.S. Recreational Fishery Landings Top Ten Species in Gulf of Mexico



U.S. Recreational Fishery Landings by Top Ten States



We've Made Progress

- Implemented Charter Vessel/Headboat permit moratorium
- Rebuilding Red Snapper stock
- Gag Grouper stock is no longer considered overfished



Marine Mammal Protection Act Reauthorization Bill

- Improve Marine Mammal Bycatch Reduction
- Strengthen Harassment Definition
- Increase Enforcement
- Reduce Ship Strikes
- Improve Management of Subsistence Harvests



Endangered Species Act Listing Criteria

**Will clarify and expand guidance
through development of more
analytical criteria for whether or
not to list species under the ESA**



An underwater photograph showing a large, branching coral structure on the left side of the frame. A fish is visible swimming near the top left of the coral. The background is a deep blue, suggesting an underwater environment.

Essential Fish Habitat

Implementation

- Identified and described EFH for 42 FMPs and nearly 1,000 species.
- Produced guidelines through regulation on fulfilling the EFH mandate (January 2002)
- Still need considerable basic information about species distribution and habitat use.
- High priority issue this year is to complete EFH Environmental Impact Statements for New England, Gulf of Mexico, Caribbean, Pacific, and North Pacific fisheries.

Regulatory Streamlining Project

- To improve performance, efficiency and accountability
- Improve NEPA expertise within the agency
- “Front loading” the regulatory process
- Electronic rulemaking initiatives
- Delegation of ESA Section 7 authority to the regions



Constituent Services

Public Outreach and Education:

- Improving public and constituent relations
 - MAFAC
 - School/Educational Materials
- Improving communications
 - Constituent database
 - Fish list services
 - Web site design



Top Ten Goals

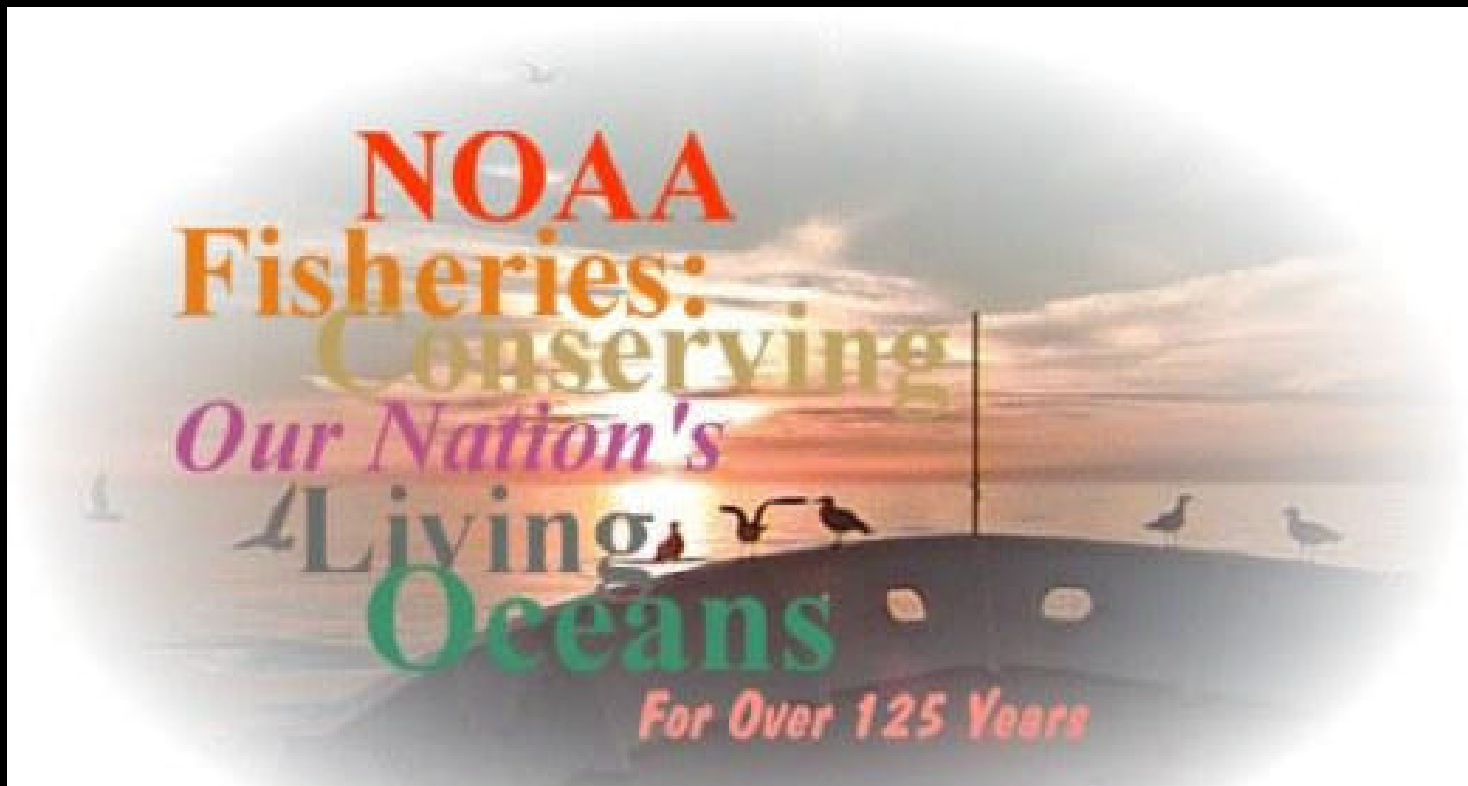
1. Review National Standard 1 Guidelines
2. Explore Ecosystem-based management
3. Stabilize fisheries for maximum economic benefit and improve rebuilding plans
4. Increase communication and cooperative research with industry
5. Promote U.S. seafood



Top Ten Goals- cont.

6. Incorporate ocean observing system
7. Minimize bycatch and develop new gear technology
8. Develop pilot projects in aquaculture
9. Improve timeliness and responsiveness in management
10. Export gear technology internationally to help recover endangered species





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